

# Masashi Minamide

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## RESEARCH INTEREST

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- Data assimilation, numerical weather prediction
- Atmospheric dynamics and predictability
- Tropical meteorology and tropical cyclones
- Remote sensing observations

## EDUCATION

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### 2014.9 – 2018.5, **Ph.D. in Meteorology and Atmospheric Science**

Department of Meteorology and Atmospheric Science, The Pennsylvania State University

Thesis: On the Predictability of Tropical Cyclones through All-sky Satellite Infrared Brightness Temperatures Assimilation

Advisor: Fuqing Zhang

### 2013.4 – 2014.9, **M.S. in Civil Engineering**

Department of Civil Engineering, The University of Tokyo

Thesis: Improvement of the Understandings of Asian Summer Monsoon Variability by Theoretical, Analytical and Numerical Approaches

Advisor: Toshio Koike

### 2009.4 – 2013.3, **B.S. in Civil Engineering**

Department of Civil Engineering, The University of Tokyo

Thesis: Research on the seasonal prediction of extreme precipitation events in Pakistan, focusing on the anomaly of global circulation

Advisor: Toshio Koike

## HONORS and AWARDS

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2018	AMS IOAS-AOLS Travel Award for the 22nd IOAS-AOLS Conference
2017	NCAR's Advanced Study Program's Graduate Student Fellowship
2014 - 2016	Funai Overseas Scholarship (Scholarship for PhD study by Funai Foundation for Information Technology, Japan)
2014	Kōi Furuichi Award (Master Dissertation Award in Department of Civil Engineering, University of Tokyo)

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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### **2018.6 – present, JPL Postdoctoral Fellow**

Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology / NASA, Pasadena, CA, US

- Conducting Observing System Simulation Experiments (OSSEs) for the numerical weather and air-quality predictions to evaluate the impacts of current/future satellite missions

### **2014.9 – 2018.5, Research Assistant**

Department of Meteorology and Atmospheric Science, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, US

- Built the Advanced-PSU ensemble-based data assimilation system for infrared satellite radiances with ensemble Kalman filter, using Weather Research and Forecasting Model (WRF) and Community Radiative Transfer Model (CRTM)
- Developed new data assimilation algorithms for all-sky satellite radiances with ensemble Kalman filter
- Analyzed the impacts of assimilating all-sky satellite radiances from new-generation geostationary satellites GOES-16 and Himawari-8 through observing system simulation experiments (OSSEs), and real-data observing system experiments (OSEs)
- Analyzed the predictability of tropical cyclones through sensitivity experiments

### **2017.4 – 2017.7, NCAR's Advanced Study Program's Graduate Visiting Program**

National Center for Atmospheric Research, Boulder, CO, US

- Developed a modified version of Empirical (covariance) Localization Functions (ELFs) in ensemble Kalman filter for all-sky satellite radiance assimilation

### **2012.4 – 2014.9, Research Assistant**

Department of Civil Engineering, University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan

- Conducted numerical experiments for sensitivity analysis of orographic effect on typhoon precipitation with Regional Spectral Model (RSM)
- Conducted numerical experiments for idealized simulation of artificially modified sea surface temperature with WRF
- Analyzed extreme events in South Asian Summer Monsoon region with NCEP and JRA25 reanalysis datasets

### **2011.8 – 2011.9, Field observation (through visiting study)**

Department of Civil Engineering, University of Notre Dame, IN, US

- Conducted the field observation of the inundation with a hydraulic gauge in North Carolina caused by the Hurricane Irene in 2011

## **PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

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- Minamide, M.**, and F. Zhang, 2017: Adaptive Observation Error Inflation for Assimilating All-sky Satellite Radiance, *Monthly Weather Review*, 145,1063-1081, doi:10.1175/MWR-D-16-0257.1
- Zhang, F., **M. Minamide**, E.E. Clothiaux, 2016: Potential Impacts of Assimilating All-sky Satellite Radiances from GOES-R on Convection-Permitting Analysis and Prediction of Tropical Cyclones, *Geophysical Research Letters*, 43, doi:10.1002/2016GL068468.
- Minamide M.**, K. Yoshimura, 2014: Orographic effect on the precipitation with Typhoon Washi, *Scientific Online Letters on the Atmosphere*, 10, 67–71, doi:10.2151/sola.2014-014
- Minamide M.**, T. Koike, 2013: Research on the Difficulty in Seasonal Prediction of Extreme Precipitation Events in Pakistan Focusing on the Anomaly of General Circulation, *Journal of Hydraulic Engineering (Japan Society of Civil Engineering)*, Vol.70, 301-306
- Kennedy A. B., J. J. Westerink, J. M. Smith, M. E. Hope, M. Hartman, A. A. Taflanidis, S. Tanaka, H. Westerink, K. F. Cheung, T. Smith, M. Hamann, **M. Minamide**, A. Ota, C. Dawson, 2012: Tropical cyclone inundation potential on the Hawaiian Islands of Oahu and Kauai, *Ocean Modeling*, Vol.52-53, 54-68
- Yokouchi N., I. Shibata, S. Abe, **M. Minamide**, H. Kato, 2011: Newspaper Reports on East Japan Great Earthquake in Four Countries: Comparative Analysis with Articles during One Month After the Disaster, *Sociotechnology Research Journal*, Vol.9, 1-29

## **MANUSCRIPTS in preparation**

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- Minamide, M.**, F. Zhang, 2018: Assimilation of All-sky Infrared Radiances from Himawari-8 and Impacts of Moisture and Hydrometer Initialization on Convection-Permitting Tropical Cyclone Prediction, in review for *Monthly Weather Review*
- Zhang, F., **M. Minamide**, X. Chen, R. G. Nystrom, S.-J. Lin and L. M. Harris, 2018: Improving Harvey forecasts with next-generation weather satellites and numerical models: Advanced hurricane analysis and prediction with NOAA's newly developed NGGPS model and assimilation of the newly launched GOES-16 all-sky radiance, submitted to *Bulletin of American Meteorological Society IN-BOX*
- Liu S., D. Tao, K. Zhao, **M. Minamide** and F. Zhang, 2018: Dynamics and predictability of Rapid Intensification of Super Typhoon Usagi (2013), submitted to *Journal of Geophysical Research - Atmospheres*
- Minamide, M.**, F. Zhang, 2018: An Adaptive Background Error Inflation Method for Assimilating All-sky Radiances, in review for *Quarterly Journal of Royal Meteorological Society*
- Minamide, M.**, F. Zhang, 2018: Predictability of the rapid intensification of Hurricane Harvey (2017) examined through the convection-permitting ensemble assimilation of all-sky GOES-R radiances
- Minamide, M.**, J. Anderson, F. Zhang, 2018: Boot-strap empirical localization functions for all-sky satellite radiance assimilation

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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- Minamide M.**, F. Zhang, 2018: Convection-Permitting Analysis and Prediction of Hurricane Harvey (2017) through Ensemble Assimilation of All-Sky GOES-R Radiance, *The 33rd Conference on Hurricanes and Tropical Meteorology*, Ponte Vedra, FL (Oral Presentation)
- Minamide M.**, J. Anderson, F. Zhang, 2018: Application of Empirical Localization Functions on All-Sky Satellite Radiance Assimilation, *The 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of American Meteorological Society*, Austin, TX (Oral Presentation)
- Minamide M.**, Y. Zhang, F. Zhang, 2018: Assimilating High-resolution All-sky Infrared Radiances from GOES-R and Himawari-8 for Severe Weather and Tropical Cyclone Prediction, *The 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of American Meteorological Society*, Austin, TX (Oral Presentation)
- Minamide M.**, F. Zhang, E. Clothiaux, 2016: Assimilation of all-sky infrared radiance from geostationary satellites, *Symposium on Advanced Assimilation and Uncertainty Quantification in BigData Research for Weather, Climate and Earth System Monitoring and Prediction*, State College, PA (Invited Oral Presentation)
- Minamide M.**, F. Zhang, E. Clothiaux, 2016: Assimilation of All-sky Infrared Brightness Temperatures and Atmospheric Motion Vectors in Tropical Cyclone Forecasting, *the American Meteorological Society's 32nd Conference on Hurricanes and Tropical Meteorology*, San Juan, PR (Oral Presentation)
- Minamide M.**, F. Zhang, E. Clothiaux, 2015: Impact of Assimilating GOES-R Infrared Brightness Temperatures on the Forecast of Tropical Cyclones, *American Meteorological Society's 27<sup>th</sup> Conference on Weather Analysis and Forecasting / 23<sup>rd</sup> Conference on Numerical Weather Prediction*, Chicago, IL (Oral Presentation)
- Minamide M.**, T. Koike, 2014: The Impact of Boreal Summer Intra-Seasonal Oscillation on the development of extremely wet and dry condition in South Asian Summer Monsoon, *Fall Meeting of American Geophysical Union*, San Francisco, CA (Poster Presentation)
- Minamide M.**, T. Koike, 2014: Research on the Difficulty in Seasonal Prediction of Extreme Precipitation Events in Pakistan Focusing on the Anomaly of General Circulation, *58<sup>th</sup> Conference on Hydraulic Engineering*, Kobe, Japan (Oral Presentation)
- Minamide M.**, T. Koike, 2014: The Impact of Madden-Julian Oscillation on the Asian Summer Monsoon Precipitation in Pakistan, *95<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of American Meteorological Society*, Atlanta, GA (Poster Presentation)
- Minamide M.**, T. Koike, 2013: The Impact of Local Meridional Circulations and Madden-Julian Oscillation on the Asian Summer Monsoon Precipitation in Pakistan, *Fall Meeting of American Geophysical Union*, San Francisco, CA (Poster Presentation)
- Minamide M.**, T. Koike, 2013: Research on the Difficulty in Seasonal Prediction of Extreme Precipitation Events in Pakistan Focusing on the Anomaly of General Circulation, *GEOSS Joint Asia – Africa Water Cycle Symposium*, Tokyo, Japan (Poster Presentation)
- Minamide M.**, K. Yoshimura, 2013: Orographic effect on the precipitation with Typhoon Washi, *Fall Meeting of Japan Meteorological Society*, Sendai, Japan (Oral Presentation)

**Minamide M.**, S. Tanabe, H. Kato, 2012: Success Factors of Technology Transfer in the Bridge Engineering Training Center in Burma, *Fall Meeting of Committee of Infrastructure Planning and Management of Japan Society of Civil Engineering*, Saitama, Japan (Poster Presentation)

## **WORKSHOPS**

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Joint Center for Satellite Data Assimilation (JCSDA) Summer Colloquium, Fort Collins, CO, 27 July to 7 August 2015 (fully-funded)

## **SKILLS**

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- ♣ **OS:** Linux, Unix, Windows, macOS
- ♣ **Programming:** Fortran, Python, MATLAB, GrADS
- ♣ **Office suites:** Microsoft Office
- ♣ **Miscellaneous:** Vim, Git, shell scripts
- ♣ **Language:** English (fluent), Japanese (native), French (intermediate)